

SENATE BILL 1175

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56;
Title 63, Chapter 5 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative
to dental providers in the medical assistance
program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this part, no managed care organization that participates in the TennCare program may deny the right to participate as a participating provider of dental services for medical assistance provided under this part to any dentist licensed under title 63, chapter 5, who meets the requirements of subsection (b), so long as the dentist agrees to the same terms and conditions of the contract, policy, or plan as those offered any other provider of dental services under this part.

(b) A dentist qualifies for the right to participate in medical assistance under subsection (a) if the dentist:

(1) Holds a current and nonrestrictive license to practice dentistry in this state;

(2) Has practiced dentistry in the same location, or within a two-mile radius of that location, since being approved as a medical assistance provider or TennCare provider under this part;

(3) Has participated continuously in the TennCare program for at least ten (10) years; and

(4) Has ceased to function as a TennCare provider for any period since January 1, 2013, for any reason other than a violation of title 63, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.